

## A TREASURY TURN OVER.

Report of the Committee on the Redistribution of Space Among the Divisions.

They Find the Building Too Crowded for Comfort and Ask for Outside Room.

A Number of Changes Suggested That Will Afford Temporary Relief to Some.

The Solicitor Vigorously Protests Against Encroachments on His Quarters.

The committee appointed by Secretary Folger to inquire into the necessity for a reassignment of rooms and space in the treasury building has made a report. They say their work was delayed by several things, principally by measures pending in congress which, if passed, might change the requirements of several divisions, and thereby lessen or increase the amount of room needed. Then, too, they were obliged to consider the character of the work each person was employed to do, the amount of space demanded, light required, &c. They have found the building crowded, almost to its utmost capacity, and unless some relief can be obtained by the destruction of documents, and files of various sorts which are or may be of more or less value, space will soon have to be sought outside the building. They have, however, readjusted matters so that some temporary relief can be obtained in the most crowded divisions.

The officers to whom additional space is assigned are the public printer, for the accommodation of the branch of the government printing office located in the sub-basement; the supervising architect in the basement; the second comptroller, on the first floor; the commissioner of customs, revenue marine division of the secretary's office, and the government attorney, on the second floor; the third auditor, on the third floor; and the treasurer for file purposes, on the fourth floor. The additional space assigned the branch printing office is required mainly for the accommodation of the forms from which the quarterly interest schedules are printed, numbering about 1,500, and constantly increasing, which are now mainly stored in one end of the composing room, occupying space which is desired for other purposes, and in the public hall way where they cannot be properly stored. The committee has decided to remove them to the space which it is proposed to assign to this office involves several other changes, which with one exception are desirable in themselves, and will result in the better accommodation of the interests affected by them, but would not be recommended if it were not for the requirements of the printing office.

It is proposed to vacate the space in the northwest wing of the sub-basement now used as carpenter and model shop, and assign the space vacated by this shop, and the space vacated by the moving of the models to the space vacated by the carpenter, except that portion which is located beyond the north wall of the west wing, being the south half of the small room next to the north hallway, the north half of which is occupied by the assistant superintendent for storage purposes. It is recommended that the temporary partition which now divides this room be removed; that the room be vacated and assigned to the assistant superintendent, removing them from the north wing, and assigning the room thus vacated for occupancy as a paint shop, vacating thereby a portion of the large room in the northwest corner of the building now occupied for that purpose; vacate the remainder of this large room, by removing the plumbers' gaffers, and blacksmiths, and the space thus vacated, being in all seven windows on the west wing of the north front, is given to the loan division of the secretary's office for the storage of the same. The remainder of the large room on the south side of the north wing. Divide the room thus vacated by a partition, and assign the west portion, being the space of four windows, to the carpenter and the east portion to the plumbers and gaffers, and the small room now vacant, immediately east of this space, to the blacksmith. The artisans affected by the proposed changes are under the direction of the supervising architect.

**THE BASEMENT.**  
The supervising architect represents that the construction of the basement of the public buildings authorized by congress at the last session will require the employment of a large additional force of draughtsmen and a considerable increase of the general force of his office; that better light should be found for the present basement, and floor space provided for the accommodation of the expected increase.

The register calls attention to the crowded condition of room No. 1 on this floor, and requests that room be vacated by reassignment to his office (room No. 60), now occupied by the assistant superintendent for storage purposes.

The committee have recognized the reasonableness of the supervising architect's demands for better light and space, and have made an earnest effort in the direction of their realization, but with only partial success. It was found that, to afford all the relief desired, it would be necessary to require the register to vacate all the outside rooms occupied by him in the basement, and the floor except the space under the west portion, and for the treasurer to surrender the west end (two windows) of room No. 116, and assign all the space thus vacated, including the west end of room No. 116, to hall, to the supervising architect, who would then occupy all the outside space on this floor from the south hall to the northwest corner of the building except the space under the west portion, and would surrender in exchange the remainder of this large room, being numbered 15 to 28 (even numbers), to be occupied by such of the force of the register's office removed from the outside rooms as could be accommodated therein. Some of these changes were found to be impracticable. The following changes and reassignments are recommended upon this floor:

1. Assign to the register, for his personal occupancy, room No. 1, which has a floor space of 400 square feet, and corresponds in size and appointments to the space occupied by other bureau officers of the department.

2. Assign to the clerks now occupying room No. 1 rooms 5 and 7, to be vacated by the register, which contains 300 square feet more of space than the rooms they are now in.

3. Vacate room No. 27, and assign the same to the supervising architect, the present occupants to be provided for on the first floor.

4. Vacate rooms No. 47 and 49, occupied by the disbursing clerk of the register's office and for files, and assign the same to the supervising architect, the files removed therefrom to be accommodated in the attic story.

5. Vacate room No. 30, and assign the same to the register for the use of the disbursing clerk.

6. Vacate room No. 67, and assign the same for the use of the watchman.

**FIRST FLOOR.**  
The force of the second comptroller's office is increased by the addition of eight clerks, and he asks additional rooms for their accommodation. Space is also to be found for the accommodation of the force removed from room No. 27, basement. To accomplish these objects, and also to provide outside and better ventilated rooms for a portion of the force of the division of warrants, estimates and appropriations of the secretary's office, which is required to work at night during a part of the summer, the following changes are recommended:

1. Vacate rooms 65 and 67, the former now occupied by a force belonging to the first comptroller's office and the latter by the examining board, and assign the same to the second comptroller; the examining board to be accommodated on the fourth floor, and the first comptroller's clerks on the second floor.

2. Assign rooms 14 and 16—five windows—to the force in the solicitor's office, now occupying rooms 13 and 15.

3. Assign room 15 to the solicitor of the treasury for his personal occupancy, vacating thereby room 11.

4. Assign to the warrant division, rooms 11 and 13 and rooms 8, 10, and 12, the latter rooms

being a part of the space now occupied by said division (four or five windows).  
5. Assign rooms 4 and 5 (three or four windows), vacated by the warrant division, to the force of the register's office, removed from room 27, basement.  
6. The assistant superintendent's draughtsmen, occupying room 20, to be accommodated in other space assigned to his office on this floor. Temporary partitions in the form of cases or otherwise should be erected, and the space embraced in rooms 4, 5, 10, 12, 16 to conform to the foregoing recommendations.

The changes proposed in the rooms occupied by the solicitor have met with vigorous opposition from that officer, but the committee have failed to find any other place, they say, where they could save so much space with so little inconvenience to all concerned.

**SECOND FLOOR.**  
The commissioner of customs and the chief of the revenue marine division of the secretary's office ask that additional space may be assigned to them, and the committee is satisfied that such demands are reasonable. The director of the mint asks that the government attorney, now domiciled in one of the rooms of his office, may be provided for elsewhere to secure much needed relief to his overcrowded force, and Mr. Elliott himself requests that quarters better suited to his needs may be assigned to him.

Provision must also be made on this floor for the clerks of the first comptroller's office to be removed from room 65, first floor. It is decided that this demand is satisfactorily met by the committee for the accommodation of these clerks to be conveniently accommodated in space allotted to and occupied by the comptroller on this floor, and the following changes to accomplish this object are recommended:

1. Remove the government attorney from room 73 to room 79, the two clerks now occupying to be provided for elsewhere in the office. Transfer the clerks in room 85 to room 73, and those in room 87 to room 85. Occupy room 87 with the clerks to be removed from 65, on the first floor.

To afford the relief desired by the commissioner of customs, the chief of the revenue marine division, and the director of the mint, the following changes are recommended:

1. The commissioner of internal revenue to vacate room 103, and provide for the force now employed therein elsewhere in his office (which the committee is assured can be conveniently done), and assign the same to the commissioner of customs.

2. Vacate room 103, now occupied by the telegraphic operator, and assign the same to the revenue marine division, the operator to be assigned space in the west end of the south corridor, near the appointment office.

3. The government attorney to vacate room 73, and assign the same to the telegraphic operator, and assign the same to the revenue marine division, the operator to be assigned space in the west end of the south corridor, near the appointment office.

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are as badly lighted and ventilated, and of such small dimensions as to poorly accommodate even a few occupants. Those in the third story of the front are in the shadow of the projecting roof of the portico, and are entirely unfit for office use. Notwithstanding these conditions, owing to the pressing demand for space in the department, over 250 people are crowded into the rooms of this floor. In some of them it is impossible to get the time of the clock to harmonize with light; and the improper ventilation renders their occupancy hazardous to health. The crowded condition of other portions of the building renders relief from these conditions at the present time impossible without the removal of one or more offices from the building, which in the present state of the law cannot be done without the consent of congress.

The inquiry is therefore suggested whether the circumstances do not justify bringing the matter to the attention of congress, with the view of securing authority to hire suitable accommodations in buildings adjacent to the treasury building, for one or more bureaus. In this connection it is also suggested, that 22 to life-long services, the light house board, and the mint bureaus, all of either of them, might be accommodated not only without inconvenience to them and with relief to the department, but with decided increase of facilities for proper and rapid dispatch of the public business. Another method of relief, and of economy as well, which cannot be realized immediately, but should not be lost sight of, is the reconstruction of this portion of the building, so as to give it better light, dimensions, light, and ventilation with the rooms in the other corresponding parts of the building.

**WEST WASHINGTON.**  
During the falling season a report concerning the condition of the water at Great Falls will be published each day as furnished by the Washington aqueduct office, Georgetown, using the following scale of measurement: Very turbid, 0 to 5; turbid, 5 to 15; slightly turbid, 15 to 25; clear, 25 to 35; the color of the water, Tuesday, April 17, at Great Falls, 6; at receiving reservoir, 25; at distributing reservoir, 30.

One thousand eight hundred bushels of wheat sold yesterday at \$1.16 to \$1.22 per bushel.

One of the late numbers of the *Churchman* contains an interesting story entitled "A Wedding in the Nursery," from the pen of a West Washington writer, Miss Kate Elwes Thomas, a daughter of the late General George C. Thomas. This young lady furnished a series of letters last winter to the *Capital* and *Post* under the name of "Elwes." Although Miss Thomas's advent in the literary world is of quite recent date, she is rapidly being recognized as the leading journal of London, New York, and Philadelphia as a writer of prose and verse, and her many friends wish her success.

About 3:30 yesterday afternoon John Curry, 40 years of age, living at 734 Twenty-fourth street northwest, fell in a fit at the corner of Jefferson avenue and M street. He was taken to the station in a wagon by Officer Riley, where he continued to have one fit after another until 6 o'clock, when he had sufficient recovered to be able to go to his home.

There was a large attendance at Goddard's hall last night for the purpose of organizing the council of the Order of United American Mechanics, and it resulted in the complete organization under the most favorable auspices. A large membership being already gotten up. As this council is composed of residents of the west end, its meetings will be held, after its institution on Tuesday evening next, in the hall at the corner of Twentieth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

**ARMY AND NAVY NOTES.**  
The Kearsarge was at Charleston, S. C., April 13.

The Powhatan left Kingston, Jamaica, April 6 for Carthagena.

The War department is informed that Maj. James W. Cuyler, corps of engineers, U. S. A., died suddenly yesterday at Morristown, N. J.

The Swatara was at Port of Spain, Trinidad, Mar. 16. She would leave April 2 for Port Castries, St. Lucia, for coal, and from there would go to La Guayra.

First Lieut. George H. Evans, 10th cavalry, is relieved from duty at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and as a member of the general court martial appointed to meet at that post, to take effect on the completion of any case that may be before it at the date of the receipt of this order, and will join his troops in the department of Texas.

Capt. Robert W. Shufeldt, assistant surgeon, United States army, now on duty at Jackson barracks, New Orleans, La., will report in person to the president of the army medical examining board in session in New York city for examination for promotion, and on the completion of his examination will return to his proper station.

**THE ATTIC FLOOR.**  
The space on this floor is mainly occupied for files, for which purpose it is most suitable. It is desirable, however, to recover a portion of the central wing, which is well lighted and suited for clerical use; and to him is assigned the only room which it is found practicable to vacate. This room, No. 28, is now occupied by three persons engaged upon matters connected with the accounts of the Pacific railways.

It is recommended that this room be vacated and assigned to the third auditor, the present occupants to find equally desirable quarters on the fourth floor.

Relief may be afforded to the floor space in room 13 and 14 of the fifth auditor's office by deepening the case in the east end of the room and filling therein the stubs of the stamp books and other unsettled accounts now deposited on the floor. This disposition will so improve the accommodations of the room as to render it ample for the force employed.

The currency division of the register's office now located on this floor is out of its proper relations, and should be restored to rooms in basement contiguous to the rest of the office at the earliest opportunity. At present the committee sees no way of accomplishing it.

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The writer's father was a country doctor, and, with all their faults, country doctors are, as a class, noble and self-sacrificing men. Through all weathers, in all seasons, and over the worst of roads they drive on missions of mercy—generally for small compensation, and often for none at all. To the country doctor in question, as he sat in his buggy, an Irishman who had stopped him on the road, was relating his suffering from what he called "a dreadful pain in his chest."

"Oh, Pat," said the doctor, perhaps impatient at the detention, "put a mustard plaster on your chest."

"As I will that such the pain, doctor?" asked Pat, wanting a foundation for his faith.

"It won't hurt you, anyway, Pat," answered the doctor, whipping up his horse. Then, continuing to his companion: "My son, I wish somebody would invent a plaster that would suck out pain, as Pat puts me."

I have plenty of plasters, none of which I make myself and others that are patented, but I am free to admit to you that there isn't much virtue in any of them."

This was years ago, and the good doctor is gone where, we are told, no one is ever sick. He didn't live to see or hear of BENSON'S CANCINE FOR OUR PLASTER, which, in Pat's rude phrase "sucks out" so much pain to-day. The doctor, in connection with his practice, kept a little village drug store where he dispensed the cheap and common plasters of the time, "whose merit," he used to say, "must reside in the holes, for he didn't see as they had any other."

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